Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Missouri Synad) of rural Aberdeen will be celebrating its 100th birthday—having devoted those 100 years to the betterment of the Mansfield community and the surrounding rural area, and instructing its members in the day-to-day giving and loving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, In 1888, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized as part of a twin parish with Trinity Lutheran Church, until 1889 when it became an independent parish; and,

WHEREAS, The present church building was erected in 1931 and, in 1959, St. John's added a day school; and,

WHEREAS, G. Ferber, F. Kiess, H. Luebke and F. Graeber were early pastors of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Raymond Giese is the present pastor and Monte Dell is the present lay minister; and,

WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be celebrating its centennial from June 10 through 12, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that St. John's be honored on this mementous occasion—its 100th birthday:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12, 1988, as

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE